

CLAIMS

The following is a list of all pending claims in the Application.

1-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently amended) A method for making an article for use in an aquatic environment, wherein the article is configured to visually reproduce a type of aquarium life, comprising:

melting a translucent polymer material;

closing a mold, wherein the mold has one or more recesses that are in the form of the type of aquarium life;

injecting the melted translucent polymer material into the mold;

cooling the mold to solidify the translucent polymer material;

opening the mold;

removing the solidified translucent polymer material; and

wherein the type of aquarium life that the article is configured to visually reproduce is a coral.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising injecting a dye into the mold.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the dye is injected before the translucent polymer material is injected.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the dye is injected as the translucent polymer material is injected.

24. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the dye is injected after the translucent polymer material is injected.

25. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the dye comprises a color dye.

26. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the dye comprises a fluorescent dye.

27. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising attaching the solidified translucent polymer material to a base.

28. (Currently amended) A method for making an article for use in an aquatic environment, wherein the article is configured to visually reproduce a type of aquarium life, comprising:

closing a mold, wherein the mold has one or more recesses that are in the form of the type of aquarium life;

introducing a curable translucent polymer material into the mold;

heating the mold to solidify the curable translucent polymer material;

cooling the mold;

opening the mold;

removing the solidified translucent polymer material; and

wherein the type of aquarium life that the article is configured to visually reproduce is a coral.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising introducing a dye into the mold.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the dye comprises a color dye.

31. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the dye comprises a fluorescent dye.

32. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the dye comprises a glow-in-the-dark dye.

33. (Currently amended) The method of claim 28, further comprising attaching the solidified translucent polymer material to a base.

34. (Currently amended) A method for making an article for use in an aquatic environment, wherein the article is configured to reproduce a type of aquarium life, comprising:

melting a translucent polymer material;

extruding the melted translucent polymer material through a heated die;

cooling the extruded translucent polymer material to solidify it;

whereby the article is formed from the extruded, solidified translucent polymer material; and

wherein the type of aquarium life that the article is configured to visually reproduce is a coral.

35. (Currently amended) A method for making an article for use in an aquatic environment, wherein the article is configured to reproduce a type of aquarium life, comprising:

melting a translucent polymer material;

closing a mold, wherein the mold has one or more recesses that are in the form of the type of aquarium life;

introducing the melted translucent polymer material into the mold;

injecting air into the mold to cause the translucent polymer material to coat one or more walls of the mold;

cooling the mold to solidify the translucent polymer material;

opening the mold;

removing the solidified translucent polymer material; and

wherein the type of aquarium life that the article is configured to visually reproduce is a coral.

36. (Original) The method of claim 35, further comprising filling the solidified translucent polymer material with a gelatinous material.

37-40. (Cancelled)

41. (New) A method for making an article for use in an aquatic environment, wherein the article is configured to visually reproduce a type of aquarium life, comprising:

melting a translucent polymer material;

closing a mold, wherein the mold has one or more recesses that are in the form of the type of aquarium life;

injecting the melted translucent polymer material into the mold;

cooling the mold to solidify the translucent polymer material;

opening the mold;

removing the solidified translucent polymer material;

wherein the type of aquarium life that the article is configured to visually reproduce is selected from the group consisting of a sea anemone, a sea weed, a scallop, a clam, a sea cucumber, a sea apple, a nudibranch, and a jellyfish.

42. (New) A method for making an article for use in an aquatic environment, wherein the article is configured to visually reproduce a type of aquarium life, comprising:

closing a mold, wherein the mold has one or more recesses that are in the form of the type of aquarium life;

introducing a curable translucent polymer material into the mold;

heating the mold to solidify the curable translucent polymer material;

cooling the mold;

opening the mold;

removing the solidified translucent polymer material; and

wherein the type of aquarium life that the article is configured to visually reproduce is selected from the group consisting of a sea anemone, a sea weed, a scallop, a clam, a sea cucumber, a sea apple, a nudibranch, and a jellyfish.

43. (New) A method for making an article for use in an aquatic environment, wherein the article is configured to reproduce a type of aquarium life, comprising:

melting a translucent polymer material;

extruding the melted translucent polymer material through a heated die;

cooling the extruded translucent polymer material to solidify it;

whereby the article is formed from the extruded, solidified translucent polymer material; and

wherein the type of aquarium life that the article is configured to visually reproduce is selected from the group consisting of a sea anemone, a sea weed, a scallop, a clam, a sea cucumber, a sea apple, a nudibranch, and a jellyfish.

44. (New) A method for making an article for use in an aquatic environment, wherein the article is configured to reproduce a type of aquarium life, comprising:

melting a translucent polymer material;

closing a mold, wherein the mold has one or more recesses that are in the form of the type of aquarium life;

introducing the melted translucent polymer material into the mold;

injecting air into the mold to cause the translucent polymer material to coat one or more walls of the mold;

cooling the mold to solidify the translucent polymer material;

opening the mold;

removing the solidified translucent polymer material; and

wherein the type of aquarium life that the article is configured to visually reproduce is selected from the group consisting of a sea anemone, a sea weed, a scallop, a clam, a sea cucumber, a sea apple, a nudibranch, and a jellyfish.